

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 185 – SB 744**

February 23, 2009

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires that municipalities operating under a mayor-aldermanic charter who appoint a General Sessions judge to serve as a city judge must reimburse the judge's compensation to the county.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Other Fiscal Impact – Municipalities who appoint a General Sessions judge as a city judge will transfer the judge's salary to municipalities to counties.**

Assumptions:

- According to the Administrative Office of the Courts, approximately 14 municipalities employ a General Sessions judge as a city judge.
- The average salary for a city judge in these 14 municipalities is \$3,200.
- Approximately \$44,800 will be transferred from city judges' salaries to counties (14 x \$3,200 = \$44,800).
- Four of these municipalities may be impacted by the Tennessee Court of Appeals ruling in *Don R. Moses v. City of Jellico, Tennessee*, which calls into question whether municipal courts in cities that were created by Private Acts are valid under the Tennessee Constitution.

**CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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